Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Gerald Raabe was raised in Wilmot, South Dakota, where he was the third of five children born to Roger and Ida Raabe; and,

Whereas, Gerald Raabe married Deb Eisenbraun in May of 1973, and they were blessed with three children: Ryan, Erica, and Danielle, and four grandsons: Judah, August, Benjamin, and Jacob; and,

Whereas, Gerald is a graduate of South Dakota State University in Brookings, South Dakota, completing his bachelor's degree in 1968 and his master's degree in 1972; and,

Whereas, Gerald bravely served his county as a medical technician in the Vietnam War and earned the Bronze Star for heroism; and,

Whereas, Gerald's career with the Vocational Rehabilitation Program for the state of South Dakota over the past 39 years has touched four decades, hundreds of staff, and thousands of individuals with disabilities to obtain employment, economic self-sufficiency, personal independence, and full inclusion into society; and,

Whereas, Gerald received the Governor's Distinguished Service Award in March of 2008 for his commitment and accomplishments for South Dakotans with disabilities; and,

Whereas, Gerald has devoted his life to caring and sharing with friends and family, the betterment of his profession and community, and the day to day living and loving which makes South Dakota a great state in which to live and work; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 20, 2012, as

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in South Dakota, and I join with his family, co-workers, and friends in wishing him a fulfilling and happy retirement.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State